

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2016-17 King Mackerel Commercial Season Re-Opening

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953, which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use seasonal rules to set finfish seasons, R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish, and the authority given to the secretary of the department, by commission action on January 7, 2016, to modify the 2016-17 commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the season for the Gulf of Mexico has been modified, the Secretary hereby declares:

Effective 12:01 a.m, May 11, 2017, the commercial fishery for king mackerel in Louisiana waters will re-open and remain open until the established quota for the Western Gulf of Mexico is reached or projected to be reached.

The secretary has been notified by National Marine Fisheries Service that the commercial king mackerel season in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico will re-open at 12:01 a.m., May 11, 2017.

Jack Montoucet
Secretary

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